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'Drowned' Girl Visits Relatives

GRASS VALLEY, (Nevada Co.), April 2.—(AP)—When Helen Hooker ran away from the Sonoma State Home with two other girls and was seen to disappear in the turbulent high waters of Sonoma Creek last Sunday, home officials had every reason to believe she had drowned.

One of her companions in the break for freedom, 14 year old Pauline McClung of San Jose, drowned in the creek and home attendants recovered her body.

But Miss Hooker, 22, whose home is Grass Valley, is a strong swimmer and, after four hours in the water, reached shore safely. She said she spent most of those hours against a submerged tree trunk.

She appeared yesterday at the Grass Valley home of relatives and appeared to have suffered no ill effects from her experience.

The third girl in the runaway, Erma Parsons, 19, of Fresno, was retaken by home attendants just as she was going into the flooded creek in an attempt to cross with the McClung and Hooker girls.

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